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NOC TO NDMC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued 'No Objection Certificate' to the NDMC recently for construction of a huge building adjacent to Jantar Mantar in Delhi in violation of Notification 1992 in this regard;

(b) if so, whether this condition will also apply in other areas of residential building etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for granting permission to NDMC only?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(d) The Archaeological Survey of India had granted ex-post-facto licence for construction of NDMC Phase-II building in the prohibited/regulated area of Jantar Mantar subject to certain restrictive conditions eg. sealing of the portions of building in prohibited area, incorporation of elements of ancient architecture in the faÃ§ade of the building, appropriate maintenance of environment etc. Moreover, only a minor portion of the NDMC building was in the prohibited area of Jantar Mantar, a protected monument. In granting such a ex-post-facto licence NDMC was directed to seal this entire area and not put it to any use. Besides, NDMC has incurred substantial expenditure from public funds in the construction of the building which is to be used in public interest. Above conditions would not apply to the residential buildings as each case would have to be examined on merits and in the light of the legal provisions.